(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Goa Government to build new Civilian Airport in Goa in private sector sponsored by NRI;

(b) if so, when such proposal was received and the response of the Central Government; and

(c) what are the financial implication of this project and the site earmarked in the proposal and its location in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Use of Sub-standard Material for Building Water Sports Complex in Goa

2168. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of sub-standard construction material used to build the Water Sports Complex at Dona Paula, Goa, wherein the contractors in collusion with local Government staff used local beach sand, instead of construction sand of ticker gradient as a result, this cement work will be masked out in monsoons;

(b) what is the total amount of this project and how much amount has been paid to the contractors; and

(c) whether any work guarantee has been taken for this project?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No, Sir. During the year 1993-94 an amount of Rs. 13,84,415/- was sanctioned to the Govt. of Goa who have paid Rs. 4,51,238/- to the contractor for undertaking the civil works such as land filling and land development for tented accommodation at the National Institute of Water Sports. Quality control tests such as testing of sand, aggregates used for the construction of drain have been carried out by PWD, Goa.

However, they found that some of the work was unacceptable and the same has been asked to be demolished as per the clause of the contract between PWD Goa and the contractor.

Night stop service facility for aircraft at Coimbatore

2169. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would come forward to provide Night Stop Servicing facility for A-320 aircraft at Coimbatore so as to upgrade the Airport there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Indian Airlines already night stops two A-320 aircraft at Bangalore. Another sub-base for night stop at Coimbatore is not considered necessary, at present.

Involvement of Private Sector to promote Tourism in the country

2170. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked some States and Union Territories to involve the private sector and tour operators to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such instructions;

(c) whether these instructions have yielded some good results;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise with names of co-partners in private sectors responsible for such yield;

(e) whether some guidelines have been issued prompting involving of these co-partners in private sectors;

(f) if so, the details thereof with formalities required for joining tourism industry;

(g) whether Government propose to issue similar instructions to other States and Union Territories for promoting tourism in the country; and